Gummidipondi (Tamil Nadu) to meet their demand of nearby markets of Chittoor and Nellore districts of Andhra Pradesh. BPCL is setting up a LPG bottling plant at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh with a bottling capacity of 44 TMT to supplement the bottling capacity.

Excess handling capacity at Demulgaon

4762. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether ONGC created excess handling capacity at Demulgaon in 1999;

(b) if so, the amount spent thereon;

(c) whether the existing facilities are sufficient for handling even its future production; and

(d) if so, the justification for making unnecessary expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) to (d) Initially, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) made arrangements on temporary basis for oil production from the well in the area through Well Head Installation (WHI) at Demulgaon. Subsequently, based on the scheme conceptualised by the Institute of Reservoir Studies (IRS) of ONGC, a new full-fledged Group Gathering Station (GGS) was approved at a cost of Rs. 13.82 crores at Demulgaon in view of the potential of areas in and around Demulgaon field. The project was completed at a cost of Rs. 18.02 crores as against the revised sanctioned cost of Rs. 19.60 crores mainly due to the environmental problems in the region and the related division of the project into a number of small packages.

Handing over of protected monuments and heritage sites to private agencies in Rajasthan

4763. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the financial allocations made to Rajasthan and other States for the preservation of protected monuments and heritage sites for the current financial year 2002-03 has been properly utilised;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons for non-utilisation of the funds;

(d) whether Government propose to hand over these sites to private agencies on sponsored basis for the maintenance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The financial allocation made to Rajasthan and other States by the Archaeological Survey of India for preservation of the centrally protected monuments and heritage has been properly utilized during the year 2002-2003 and the details are given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

State-wise Expenditure on the Conservation of Monuments for the year 2002-2003

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	2002-2003
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	417.16
2.	Assam	89.49
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.39
4.	Bihar	112.21
5.	Chhattisgarh	5.75
6.	Delhi	996.75
7.	Daman and Diu	15.69
8.	Goa	82.57
9.	Gujarat	35.36
10.	Haryana	141.00
11.	Himachal Pradesh	44.45
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	121.23
13.	Jharkhand	8.07
14.	Karnataka	1089.76
15.	Kerala	18.26
16.	Madhya Pradesh	317.31
17.	Maharashtra	308.05
18.	Manipur	0.27
19.	Meghalaya	4.44

1	2	3
20.	Mizoram (*)	—
21.	Nagaland	12.92
22.	Orissa	1011.69
23.	Pondicherry (UT)	1.63
24.	Punjab	40.14
25.	Rajasthan	240.22
26.	Sikkim	32.99
27.	Tamil Nadu	233.20
28.	Tripura	20.05
29.	Uttar Pradesh	710.64
30.	Uttaranchal	64.13
31.	West Bengal	260.18
	TOTAL	6437.00
In addition the following Expenditure have been incurred in all States		
1.	Security and Wages	1684.00
2.	Machinery and Equipment	376.00
3.	Amenities	605.00
4.	Jain Monuments	611.00
	TOTAL	9713.00

*There is no centrally protected monument in Mizoram.

Protection to tourists

†4764. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in a small country like Thailand, safety and protection has been provided by the Government of that country to tourists;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any concrete steps to follow such policy to encourage tourism industry in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.